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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 1248

1. KIM IL SUNG ARRIVED ALGIERS 26 MAY ON OFFICIAL VISIT WHICH PRESS STATES IS SCHEDULED TO LAST POSSIBLY A WEEK.

2. ALTHOUGH VISIT FORMALLY CAST IN FORM OF PROTOCOL RETURN FOR BOUMEDIENE'S KOREAN MARCH 1974 TRIP, ALGERIAN WELCOME WELL ABOVE LEVEL ESTABLISHED FOR CHIEF OF STATE VISITORS, INCLUDING RECENT GISCARD VISIT. CLOSING OF ALGERIAN SCHOOLS, SPECIAL FLN PRESS AND RADIO APPEAL TO ALGIERS POPULATION TOLD

LINE STREETS, AND ORDERBUSINESSES AND MINISTRIES TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO BEEF UP CROWD REPRESENT MORE THAN CUSTOMARY EFFORT. LOCAL BUS TRANSPORTATION CLOSED DOWN YESTERDAY AS ALL VEHICLES DEVOTED TO BRINGING IN CROWDS FROM OUTSIDE ALGIERS.

3. PRESS TREATMENT AND SPEECHES THUS FAR STRESS SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ALGERIAN AND NORTH KOREAN EXPERIENCE, EXTERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY, FRATERNITY OF ARMS, AND DENUNCIATION OF US INVOLVEMENT IN KOREAN AFFAIRS AND OF IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS IN GENERAL.

4. PURPOSE OF VISIT APPEARS TO BE TO ALLOW KIM IL SUNG TO
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TOUCH BASE AT WHAT FLN APPEAL TERMED "THE HEADQUARTERS OF

THIRD WORLD." SINCE INDOCHINA EVENTS, ALGERIAN PRESS HAS BEEN FOCUSSED ON NORTH KOREA, ALONG WITH MIDDLE EAST, AS NEXT FOCAL POINT OF TENSION. CZECH DIPLOMAT ATTRIBUTED TIMING TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S RECENT COMMENTS ON KOREA AND RESULTANT NEED FOR NORTH KOREANS TO PUT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE IN ORDER.

5. WARMTH OF RECEPTION SEEMS TO STEM FROM TWO SOURCES. FIRST IS NEED FOR RECIPROCITY FOR ALL-OUT KOREAN WELCOME FOR BOUMEDIENE IN 1974, WHICH IS NOW REAPPEARING ON TELEVISION HERE. SECOND IS BOUMEDIENE'S APPARENT ADMIRATION FOR KIM IL SUNG AND FOR THE EFFICIENCY AND DISCIPLINE OF THE NORTH KOREAN SYSTEM HE FOUND DURING HIS 1974 VISIT. PARKER

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